

REMARKS

Claims 42, 44-49 and 51-61 are pending. Claims 42, 46, 49 and 54 are the independent claims. With this amendment, claims 42, 44-47, 50, 52 and 55-57 have been canceled and claims 49, 53-54, and 60 have been amended.

I. Office Action Summary

In the non-final Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, the Examiner cited new references. The Examiner objected to informalities in the specification and drawings. The Examiner rejected several of the claims as indicated below:

Claims	Prior Art Reference(s)	Statutory Basis
42, 44-45, 54-56, 59 and 61	Eames (US 6,282,189)	§102(e)
49, 51	Eames (US 6,282,189)	§103(a)

The Examiner indicated that claims 52-53, 57-58 and 60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

II. Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has requested that Applicant update the current status of the applications that were co-pending as of the filing date of the present application. Applicant has now updated this information.

III. Drawings

The Examiner objected to FIG. 3 as lacking text labels to certain features. Applicant has amended FIG. 3 and attaches a replacement sheet including the requested text labels. No new matter has been added.

IV. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection of claims 42, 44-45, 54-56, 59 and 61 as anticipated by Eames. In order to expedite issuance of a number of the claims, however, Applicant has canceled claims 42, 44-48 and 57-58. Applicant reserves the right to refile the canceled claims, as well as unamended versions of the currently amended claims, in a continuation application.

V. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of claims 49 and 51 as obvious over Eames, Applicant has amended claim 49 to incorporate the features of objected-to claim 52 in order to expedite allowance of certain claims in the application. Claim 51 is a dependent claim, therefore its allowability follows from the allowability of amended claim 49. Applicant reserves the right to refile the unamended versions of the currently amended claims in a continuation application.

VI. Examiner's Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges, with thanks, the Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 52-53, 57-58 and 60 if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended independent claim 49 to incorporate the features of objected-to claim 52. Dependent claim 53 has been amended to correct its dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 52.

Applicant has amended independent claim 54 to incorporate the features of objected-to claim 57 and intervening claims 55-56. Dependent claim 58 has been amended to correct its dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 57 and incorporation into claim 54 of the subject matter of cancelled claim 57.

Applicant has amended objected-to dependent claim 60 to include all of the features of independent claim 54 and dependent claim 59.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 49, 51, 53-54, 58-59 and 60-61 are in condition for allowance.

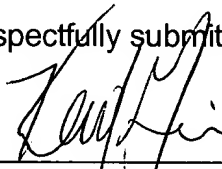
VII. Conclusion

In order to expedite allowance of the subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner, Applicant has amended the claims as indicated above. Applicant submits that claims 49, 51, 53-54, 58-59 and 60-61 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any questions arise or issues remain, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the number listed below in order to expedite disposition of this case.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement drawing sheet includes changes to FIG. 3 requested by the Examiner.

Attachment: 1 replacement sheet